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THRU : Chief, Military Economics, Industrial Division
: Chief, Industrial Division
: Chief, Electrical Equipment, Industrial Division

Request for information evaluation.

1. A New York Times report of 21 November 1957, quoting an official Soviet release, stated that the USSR gave its research institutions more than 30,000,000,000 rubles last year. From 1946-1951, the same report stated, the USSR spent more than 47,000,000,000 rubles on the "development of science".

2. It is requested that I/EE be asked to evaluate this information. Specifically the following is requested:

a. From available information can I/EE estimate the percentage of this total which was spent for electronic research and development?

b. Does your branch feel that this sum represents research, development, and administrative costs only, or that some portion of the money might also have been funneled into production activities of the Research Institutes?

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